SARANAC LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
High School Library ~ 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Joe Henderson, Mark Farmer, Mike Martin, Nancy Bernstein. **Excused:** Justin Garwood, Tori Thurston, Zac Randolph.

Others in Attendance: Gina Pollock, Cindy Moody, Diane Fox, Amy Spicer, Seth Putnam, Amy Spicer, Katie Laba, Sam Clark.

1. Call to Order at 5:01pm.

2. Discussion of Title I Funding

3. Adjournment at 5:13pm

PUBLIC HEARING
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Others in Attendance: Gina Pollock, Cindy Moody, Diane Fox, Amy Spicer, Sam Clark, Amy Spicer, Katie Laba, Sam Clark, Elijah Schenk.

1. Call to Order at 5:16pm

2. Public Comment Period: 2023-2024 Safety Plan & Remote Instruction Plan

3. Adjournment at 5:22pm

Saranac Lake Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
High School Library
Wednesday, November 29, 2023 • 5:30 p.m.

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Others in Attendance: Gina Pollock, Cindy Moody, Diane Fox, Amy Spicer, Seth Putnam, Amy Spicer, Katie Laba, Suzanne Nicholas, Elijah Schenk, Sam Clark

1. **Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance Called to order at 5:30pm.**
2. **Acceptance of Agenda.** Motion by Mike, Second by Nancy. Approved 5/0/0

3. **Consent Agenda.** Motion by Joe, Seconded by Justin. Approved 5/0/0.
    a. Minutes
        i. Acceptance of the minutes of the 11/08/2023 Board of Education Meeting.
    b. Resolutions Recommended by the Superintendent:
        i. Personnel
        Resolution No. 059-2023 By recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizing appointments and changes to positions in school district service.
        1. **Instructional**
            a. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following individuals be appointed to Substitute Positions. Salary per the 2023-24 Extra Pay and Substitute Rates Schedule.
                i. **Chantal Lyeth** - Teacher and Teaching Assistant
                ii. **Hannah LaFountain** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant
                iii. **Annie Frenette** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant
                iv. **Benjamin Laba** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant
                v. **Laura Eldred** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant
                vi. **Kristi Colarusso** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant
                vii. **Alexandria LaDue** - Teacher & Teaching Assistant
        2. **Non-Instructional**
            a. Permanent Appointment of **Thomas Pollock,** Computer Technical Support Specialist effective 11/30/2023.
            b. Permanent Appointment of **Stephen Reynolds**, Monitor, effective 1/17/2024.
            c. Probationary appointment of **Brooke Shipman** to the position of full-time (7 hours per day for the 2023-24 school year) Classroom Aide AA-, effective 11/13/2023, with probation beginning 11/13/2023 and continuing until 11/12/2024. Salary for the 2023-24 school year is $17.08/hr.
            d. Provisional probationary appointment of **Heather Pulsifer** to the position of full-time (7.5-hours-per-day) Senior Account Clerk, effective 11/27/2023, with probation beginning 11/27/2023 and anticipated to continue until 11/26/2024. Salary for the 2023-24 school year is $18.63 per hour.
            e. Approving the following district officer for the 2022-23 school year:

Records Mgmt Officer	Heather Pulsifer	$6,728

            f. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following individuals be appointed to Non-Instructional Substitute Positions. Salary per the 2023-24 Extra Pay and Substitute Rates Schedule.
                i. **Nicholas Munn** - Aide & Monitor
                ii. **Benjamin Laba** - Aide & Monitor
        3. **Athletics**
            a. Approval of a merger with North Country School for Nordic Skiing (SL team).
    c. Allowing Community Schools to apply for 2023-24 Statewide Universal Full-Day PreKindergarten (SUFDPK) Expansion grant for New Full-Day Placements or for the Conversion of Half-Day Placements fo Full-Day Placemts for Four-Year-Old Students (2023-2024 SUFDPK Expansion Grant) in the amount of $510,000.

d. Allowing Community Schools to contract with Marie Battaglia of Grants for Growth in the amount of $4,250 for the writing of the 2023-2024 SUFDPK Expansion Grant.

e. Authorizing student placements recommended by the Committee on Special Education at its meetings on 11/3/23, 11/9/23, 11/13/23, 11/15/23, 11/16/23, 11/20/23, and CPSE meetings on 11/3/23 and 11/17/23.

4. Public Comments

5. Financial Report

a. Accounting Reports

i. Budget Status Report on google drive.

ii. Budgetary Transfer Report and Approval of Budgetary Transfers
Resolution No. 060-2023 Approving the current Budgetary Transfer Report as presented by the School Business Executive. On google drive. ***Mark asks that Cindy update us on the Flag Football budget for the next meeting.*** Motion by Nancy, seconded by Mike. Approved 5/0/0.

iii. School Tax Relevy - any unpaid taxes go back to the county, and then get put on residents property taxes for January.

1. Audit is close to being done. Expecting to have that ready for the next board meeting for approval. Corrective action plan from auditors will need to be approved as well.
2. Submitted information to the federal government about expenses specific to COVID and SLCSD received reimbursement of $176k from FEMA.

6. New Business

a. 1st Reading: Policy 5421 and 5421-R Concussion Management

i. Updates pertain to new regulations that are mandated.

b. NYSSBA Convention Presentation - *Tori Thurston (presenter) is absent, Tabled by Mark as Tori is not in attendance.*

7. Old Business

a. Capital Project Update (*BOE Goal*)

i. Bloomingdale is closed out. Submitting paperwork to state department for finalization.

ii. Door is finished at Petrova

iii. Bathroom in HS should be completely done by Christmas.

b. Mascot Rollout Plan

i. The Administrative Team has worked on how to get mascot costumes, items to share with students, and etc. Reaching out to local Purveyors as well as others for quotes on merchandise. Date of March 2024 was introduced for rollout. Josh Dann has been tasked with how we can go about naming our mascot.

8. Reports

a. Superintendent

i. Has several items for Executive Session.

b. Administrators/Supervisors

i. Suzanne - Initiated an MTS - Multi tiered system of support, going well.

ii. Katie - Bloomingdale Parent teacher meetings highly attended by parents and guardians. Student council helping to organize a Bloomingdale spirit week in December with a food drive for the holiday. Hosting two wreath making events through 21st Century Programming - one for staff and one for families. Family movie night in Bdale is on Dec 7th. 5th graders from Bdale and Petrova are going to Mt. Van Hoevenberg and Olympic

Oval on a field trip on the 8th of Dec. Organized by Mrs. Betters, Phys Ed Teacher. 21st Century Programming for Quarter 2 started Monday. 17 elementary programs, 6 MS/HS programs for before or after school.

   iii. Amy - Pam Maly and Hannah Carroll (student council advisors) hosted food drive on Nov. 20th to benefit Interfaith Food Pantry in SL. Mts. Madelis' 6th grade, 4th period class brought in most, 131 items. MS collected over 1000 items for food pantry.

   iv. Diane as Erika - 230 people attended waterpark trip. 70 food baskets went out for Thanksgiving Meals. Notification has gone out for holiday baskets as well.

c. Student BOE Representatives

   i. Sam - waterpark was well attended, blood drive happened yesterday, many students donated. Winter sports games are starting.

   ii. Elijah - finished a week and a half of square dancing in gym class, Jersey day on the 20th.

d. Committee/Liaison

   i. Mike - Diane and him went to a presentation at CVES BOCES. Financial overview as well as information on Electric buses was presented. Very informative session.

   ii. Justin - as Petrova rep - parent teacher conferences went well.

   iii. Nancy - next DEI meeting on the 14th of December.

9. **Executive Session**, Reason F. " The medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;"

10. **Adjournment to Executive Session at 5:54pm.** Motion by Joe seconded by Mike. Approved 5/0/0.
11. **Reconvened to Public Session** at 7:36pm. Motion by Justin, seconded by Joe. Approved 5/0/0.
12. **Motion to Adjourn** at 7:36pm by Nancy, seconded by Mike. Approved 5/0/0.